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Credentials of representatives

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Éva Henriett **Schäfer** (Hungary)

1. On 19 December 2012, the Meeting of States Parties held to elect one member of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf decided, for the purposes of conducting the business of the Meeting, to maintain the composition of the Credentials Committee as appointed by the twenty-first Meeting held in June 2011. The Credentials Committee thus consisted of the following nine States parties: Brazil, China, Grenada, Hungary, Mozambique, New Zealand, Senegal, Switzerland and Thailand.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 19 December 2012.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 19 December 2012, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Meeting. The Secretary of the Committee made a statement supplementing the memorandum regarding the inclusion of those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

4. As noted in the memorandum, formal credentials issued by Heads of State or Government or by Ministers for Foreign Affairs or by persons authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 82 States participating in the Meeting: Argentina; Australia; Bahamas; Bangladesh; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Canada; Chile; China; Costa Rica; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Estonia; Fiji; Finland; France; Germany; Grenada; Guyana; Hungary; Iceland; India; Ireland; Italy; Jamaica; Kuwait; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Latvia; Lesotho; Liberia; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Monaco; Mongolia; Montenegro; Morocco; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru; Netherlands; New Zealand; Oman; Pakistan; Palau; Panama; Paraguay; Philippines; Poland; Portugal; Qatar; Republic of Korea; Romania; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname; Sweden; Switzerland; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; Vanuatu; and Zambia.

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5. In addition, as noted in the same memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Meeting had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries of foreign affairs, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other Government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 57 States participating in the Meeting: Albania; Algeria; Angola; Antigua and Barbuda; Armenia; Austria; Bahrain; Barbados; Belgium; Benin; Cameroon; Congo; Croatia; Cuba; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Dominica; Ecuador; Gabon; Georgia; Greece; Guatemala; Guinea; Haiti; Honduras; Indonesia; Iraq; Japan; Kenya; Lebanon; Madagascar; Malawi; Maldives; Mali; Mozambique; Nepal; Nicaragua; Nigeria; Norway; Papua New Guinea; Republic of Moldova; Russian Federation; Samoa; Saudi Arabia; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; Thailand; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Uganda; United Republic of Tanzania; Viet Nam; Yemen; and Zimbabwe.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in the previous paragraph would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea held on 19 December 2012 referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 19 December 2012, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat dated 19 December 2012,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.